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This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. X Consider the unentered amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on August 5, 2003.
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4. x Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is claimed.
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5. x A check in the amount of \$ 440.00 is enclosed.

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 X RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

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7. X Three copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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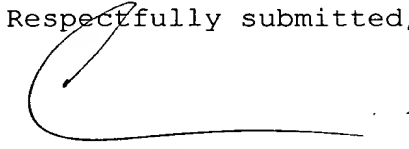
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**PRELIMINARY COMMUNICATION AND PETITION FOR
A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Preliminary Communication is submitted along with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) submitted herewith in connection with the above-identified application. A Final Office Action was issued on May 5, 2003. Applicants submitted an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action on August 5, 2003, and a Notice of Appeal and Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time on November 5, 2003. The Notice of Appeal was received by the Patent Office on November 10, 2003. An appeal brief was originally due on January 10, 2004. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time for filing an appeal brief. The fee for a one-month extension for a small entity is \$55.00. A check for \$440.00 is enclosed herewith, which amount includes the \$55.00 extension fee and the \$385.00 filing fee for the RCE being filed in lieu of an appeal brief. Accordingly, an appeal brief is due today, February 10, 2004, and this Preliminary Communication and RCE are being timely filed.

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